

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

By this response, Claim 27 has been amended. No claims have been added, or cancelled. Hence, Claims 1-13 and 27-49 are pending in the application.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is believed that such contact would further the examination of the present application.

Please charge any shortages or credit any overages to Deposit Account No. 50-1302.

Respectfully submitted,  
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